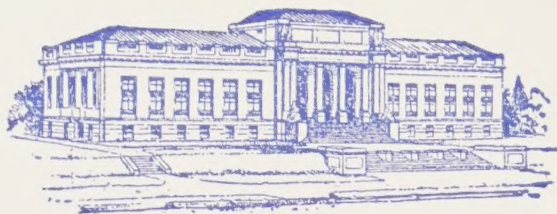


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Connecticut State Library
[Librarian: George S. Goddard

1917-1932

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HARTFORD, U.S.A. July 6, 19 17

Mr. Howland Wood, Curator,
American Numismatic Society,
156th Street & Broadway,
New York City.

My dear Mr. Wood:-

I was sorry to have missed seeing you when you called at the Library during my attendance at the Louisville Conference of Libraries. I am pleased to learn, however, that Miss Belden showed you our vault arrangement. I wish she had moved the easel so that you might have gone into the vault and examined the same a little more in detail, for I am under the impression that our equipment and installation is quite satisfactory, in fact the most satisfactory of any installation I have yet seen.

All the steel work of this equipment had three coats of enamel, each coat baked on separately, which, so far as I can see, ought to prevent the installation from rusting or from any effect of the steel showing on the coins. Thus far I have not noticed any such effect as might be produced if the steel had been left uncovered.

All the trays were not only enameled and baked inside and out, as above stated, but they are lined inside with the best quality of green billiard cloth which was fastened in without fish glue, or at least, we never have noticed any smell of fish glue, even when the trays were first received.

I think Miss Belden called your attention to the standard size of these trays for not only were the safety deposit boxes built to accommodate five trays each with runways which enable us to accommodate thick medals or other thick articles by the omitting of a tray, but our exhibition vault and exhibition cases and exhibition tables were constructed wide enough to accommodate United States paper currency, as well as the coins and medals.

Miss Belden did not state whether or not she showed you our record book for the coins, which is an arrangement which we designed and seems to meet our immediate use. Possibly you may have something better..

I hope it may be my pleasure to welcome you here sometime for it would give me real pleasure, as well as profit, to go through the collection and equipment with you, for while I am well aware that I know something about equipment, there are a great many things concerning coins, medals, etc., themselves, which I do not know.

With kindest regards, I remain,

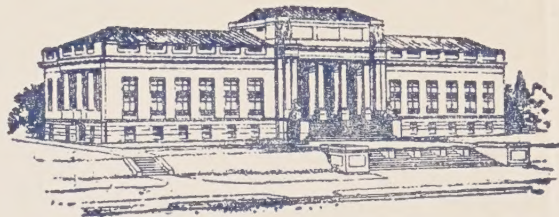
Very sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Geo. S. Godard".

State Librarian.

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HARTFORD, U. S. A.

July 10th, 1917.

Howland Wood, Esq.,
American Numismatic Society,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Wood:

Yours of yesterday received and contents noted,
for which please accept my thanks. I hope it may be my pleasure to
welcome you here sometime when you go through the city.

So far as I know there is nothing about our trays or our
installation which I would change if we were to duplicate it.
Thus far everything seems to be O. K.

With kindest regards,

Geo. S. Godard

State Librarian.

February 3, 1920

Mr. George S. Godard, State Librarian
Connecticut State Library
Hartford, Connecticut

Dear Mr. Goddard:

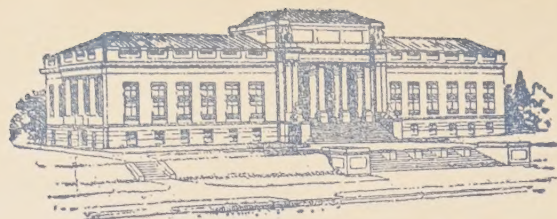
The enclosed letter from Mr. Hall is sent you, as Mr. Hall seems to want to hold you morally responsible for our getting one of the badges of Willington; if you think we are deserving of this, please so signify, and I will again communicate with Mr. Hall.

Very truly,

Curator.

(Enclosure)

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HARTFORD February 7, 19 20

Howland Wood, Curator
American Numismatic Society
Broadway, near 156th St.
New York City

My dear Mr. Wood:

Yours of the 3d inst., enclosing
a copy of letter from my good friend Sena-
tor Hall, received. I am enclosing a copy
herewith of my reply to him, for your in-
formation.

Hoping you will be able to secure
one of the badges, which will be somewhat
unique in design and certainly somewhat
unique in metal, for a soldier's badge, I
remain with all good wishes,

Very sincerely,

Geo. S. Godard

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State Librarian

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February 7,

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William H. Hall, Esq.
South Willington, Conn.

My dear Henry:

I have just received a letter from Mr. Wood, Curator of the American Numismatic Society, New York, conveying your reply to his request for a copy of the Willington soldier's medal, to which I called his attention when giving a list of the Connecticut towns who had already or were planning to furnish medals to their returned soldiers.

I think it would be a fine thing for the Town of Willington, the State of Connecticut, and for you personally to have a specimen of the Willington soldier's medal in the collection of the American Numismatic Society, whose collection and whose building is among the finest, if not the finest, to be found anywhere. If you have not already visited this collection, where you will be welcome any week day between 10 and 5 and Sundays 1 and 5, I would suggest that you do so at your first opportunity.

Another suggestion which I would make is that you become a member of this Society, for you will find a real pleasure as well as instruction in such a membership. I know whereof I speak, because I often visit the rooms of the Society when in New York, because we have continued the membership of Mr. Mitchellson who was one of the enthusiastic members of the Society up to the time of his death.

Congratulating you upon the style of medal you have decided to get, and upon the metal which is to go in the same, I remain with all good wishes,

Very sincerely,

GSG MCH

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and Director

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April 1, 1920.

Howland Wood, Curator
American Numismatic Society
Broadway at 156th St.
New York City

My dear Mr. Wood:

I am pleased to be able to send to you herewith by registered letter one of the fifty fourteen carat gold service badges which Senator William H. Hall of South Willington, Connecticut, had made and will in the near future present to those who entered the world war from the town of Willington. This medal the Senator handed to me a few moments ago with the request that I forward it to the American Numismatic Society if in my judgment I felt it was wise. Of course there is no hesitancy in forwarding the same at once. Please, therefore, acknowledge the receipt of this to Senator Hall at your earliest convenience.

I would suggest that you send an application blank to him for membership in the society, for he is very much interested in coins and has something of a collection himself. I will be pleased to O.K. his application.

With kindest regards,

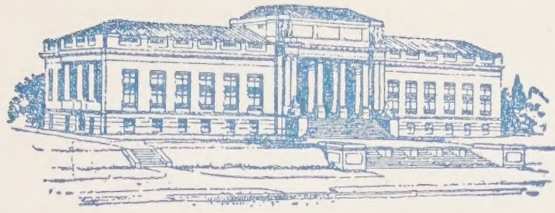
Very sincerely,

Geo. S. Godard

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and Director

Enclosure



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HARTFORD, Sept. 20, 19 20

American Numismatic Society
Broadway, near 156th St.
New York City

Attention Mr. Wood

My dear Mr. Wood:

Please send another copy of "American Journal of Numismatics for 1919" covering state coinage. Send bill for the same in duplicate.

This is a fine article and we plan to interleave it and make some notes. I think I told you that in January, 1919, we secured the manuscript notes in one volume containing the records of the several varieties of Connecticut cents as made by the late Dr. Thomas Hall of Boston. We also secured the accompanying collection of 126 coins which upon the death of Dr. Hall came into the possession of the late Robert Bird, Town Treasurer of Canton, Massachusetts, at whose death this collection and this manuscript volume of records were purchased in 1918 by Frank H. Shumway, a native of Windham, Connecticut, then living in Mattapan, Massachusetts, from whom I purchased the collection and the volume on January 21, 1919. It occurred to me that this data might be of interest to you.

Very sincerely,

Geor. S. Godard

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September 21st, 1920.

Mr. George S. Godard,
Connecticut State Library,
Hartford, Conn.

My dear Mr. Godard:-

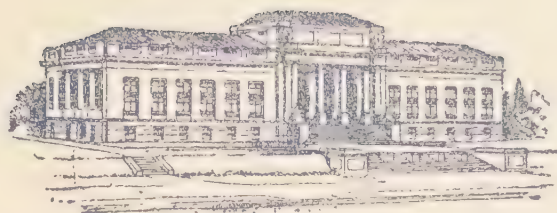
Your letter just at hand, and I am sending you a reprint of the last Journal containing the State Coinages of New England. You will note this has a different title page. We had a certain number printed like this to sell independently. I note an error on page 58 caused by two lines being transferred when the forms were paged. The last line in Reverse E should be the last line under Reverse H and vice versa.

Many thanks for the information concerning Connecticut Cents that belonged to the late Robert Bird.

Very truly yours,

Curator.

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June twenty
1921

Sydney P. Noe, Secretary
American Numismatic Society
Broadway at 156th St.
New York City

My dear Mr. Noe:

Can you advise me as to the approximate value of a state of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations \$7.00 bill No. 1149, issued under authority of July 2, 1780, to be redeemed in Spanish mill dollars at 5% interest annually, and due December 31, 1786. This was signed by A. Comstock and A. Bowker. This question has been asked me by an executor of an estate.

I was sorry I had to hurry so on the occasion of my call in your office a few days ago. I hope to be there again in due time.

With regards,

Very sincerely,

Geo. S. Godard

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SIGNED FOR MR. GODARD
AT HIS REQUEST

Worth about 50¢

September 23, 1932.

Connecticut State Library
Hartford, Connecticut.

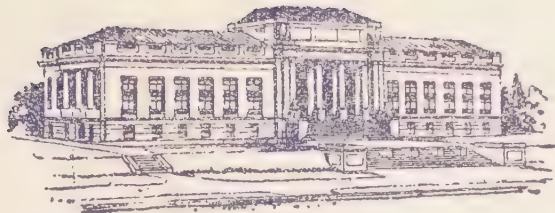
Gentlemen: Attention: Mr. Goddard

We have had placed in our hands for sale the duplicates of the collection of Connecticut cents formed by the late Frederick A. Canfield of Dover, New Jersey. These include a large percent of the different varieties. I understand the Connecticut State Library has a very good collection of these and we were wondering if you cared to fill in any vacancies. If so, you might send us those numbers that you lack and also any numbers that you might want to improve upon. We could send anything you wanted on approval.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator



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October eighteenth
1932

Howland Wood, Curator,
The American Numismatic Society,
Broadway between 155th and 156th Streets,
New York, N. Y.,

My dear Mr. Wood:

I thank you for your good letter of September 23rd calling my attention to the collection of Connecticut cents formed by the late Frederick A. Canfield of Dover, New Jersey, which was duly received.

The fact that we have what is supposed to be a commendably complete collection, assembled by Dr. Thomas Hall of Boston, a great authority on American Coinage, consisting of 126 different Connecticut cents, would make it rather difficult for me to itemize in an intelligent way, all of them, without bringing the collection to New York, which possibly I should do.

It will interest you to know that 24 of these were minted in 1785, 16 were minted in 1786, 58 were minted in 1787 and 28 were minted in 1788.

I will be pleased to learn through your favor how many different varieties there are in the collection of Mr. Canfield's and your suggestions at the same time.

Very sincerely,

Geo. S. Godard
State Librarian,

GSG/ECR

October 24, 1932.

Mr. George S. Godard
State Librarian
Connecticut State Library
Hartford, Conn.

Dear Mr. Godard:

Our Connecticut cents are all numbered according to Henry C. Miller's list, which appeared in Vol. 53 of the American Journal of Numismatics. If I can I will send you a list by Miller's numbers of those that we have to dispose of. You seem to be fairly strong in all the years except 1787. Unless your pieces are numbered according to Miller it would be very difficult to check them up and compare them with our specimens. As I have just said, I will try to get a list of ours off to you.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

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October twenty-seventh
1932

Howland Wood, Curator,
The American Numismatic Society,
Broadway between 155th and 156th Sts.,
New York, N. Y.,

My dear Mr. Wood:

I thank you for yours of the 24th instant and expressing your willingness to sent a list of the Connecticut cents which you have in mind which may be needed to complete our file. If the list does not assist us I will be inclined to bring our collection to New York for your assistance.

Very sincerely,

State Librarian,

GSG/ECR

P.S. I am enclosing one of the Connecticut George Washington Bicentennial Badges, 1932, which may prove of interest and under separate cover one of the programmes of our patriotic meeting held at historic Lebanon, Connecticut on the 8th instant.

October 29, 1932.

Mr. George S. Godard
State Librarian
Connecticut State Library
Hartford, Connecticut.

Dear Mr. Godard:

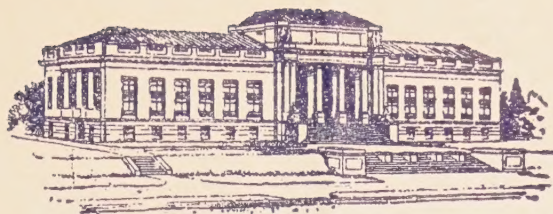
Many thanks for the Connecticut Bicentennial badge. We are getting together as many of these bicentennial medals as possible. We will some day get that list of Connecticut cents to you.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

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November second
1932

American Numismatic Society,
Howland Wood, Curator,
Broadway near 155th St.,
New York, N. Y.,

My dear Mr. Wood:

Glad to get yours of October 29th
and learn that you are assembling a collection of
Washington Bicentennial Medals.

If you have not already done so,
I suggest that you write to the Whitehead and Hoag
Company, Newark, N. J., also The Robbins Company,
Attleboro, Massachusetts, both of which have made
many medals and badges during this Washington Bi-
centennial period, and tell them what you are en-
deavoring to do with this collection and invite
them to add as complete a collection of their work
as they may be able and willing to do.

With all good wishes.

Very sincerely,

State Librarian,

GSG/ECR

November 23, 1932.

Mr. George S. Godard
Connecticut State Library
Hartford, Connecticut.

Dear Mr. Godard:

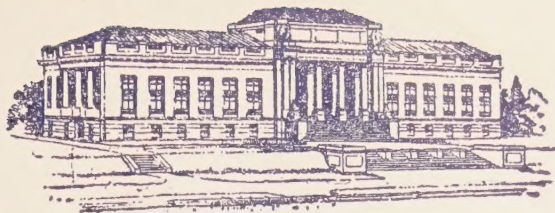
I have at last drawn up the list of duplicate Connecticut cents that we have here for sale. They are numbered according to Miller's list that appeared in the American Journal of Numismatics Volume 53, 1920.

Very truly yours,

HW:JC

Curator

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November twenty-eighth
1932

Howland Wood, Curator,
American Numismatic Society,
Broadway and 155th Street,
New York, N. Y.,

My dear Mr. Wood:

I thank you for yours of the 23rd instant just received enclosing list of duplicate Connecticut cents which you have for sale. These we will check at an early date and communicate with you further concerning the same.

With appreciation and best wishes,

I remain

Very sincerely,

State Librarian,

GSG/ECR

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